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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a United States patent application entitled UTILIZATION OF A MULTI-CHARACTER MATERIAL IN A SURFACE COATING OF AN ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT in the names of the following inventors: Darcy W. Greep and William G. Pitt.

Enclosed are the following:

- ☒ A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising thirty-six (36) pages.
- ☒ Five (5) sheets of drawings.
- ☒ A joint signature Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition.
- ☒ An Assignment conveying the invention to MegaDyne Medical Products, Inc., including a Form PTO 1595 recordation cover sheet.
- ☒ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.
- ☒ The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27

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Dated this 12 day of December 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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